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AN ACCOUNT Of the Discovery of the NEW PLOT,

Made Manifest by several of the Conspirators Convened before His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council at *Hampton Court* on the 23. of this Instant *June* 1683.

NO Wonder if Sacred Princes, Vice-gerents to the King of Kings, are Heavens peculiar care, since Wicked Men so frequently are combin'd (with the powers of Darkness, in Malice to him that Instituted them by his Eternal Decree to Govern the Inferiour World) do disturb their Reign, and conspire their hurt; but in vain are all the Machinations and Devices of a Turbulent Faction, who seek to overthrow the Established Government; which is Heavens peculiar Care, though like Bulls in *Bassian*, they have pushed for some years past to overthrow Great *Brittains* Monarchy, yet have their devices been brought to nought, as appeared by the late discovery, when *Ignoramus* Juries were brought as *Salvo's*, yet the Eyes of the Nation were too open to be deceived with Shaddows, Spectrums, or Fantoms, when apparent Truth presented her self in her Native shape, and much more now since a more then ordinary discovery hath been made by such who were in the Combination against the best of Kings, who is indeed, next Heaven, our only Refuge, and the breath of our Nostrils; a Prince so Good, so Bounteous, and so Just, that Heaven thought him only fit to Rule so great a People.

But to the Purpose, some days since Depositions having been made by one *Keeling* (who, as Heaven would have it, was altogether Restless till he had Disimboged the dire Secret) that a Hellish and Damnable Conspiracy had for a long time been Brooding and carried on by several of the Disaffected party, many of which he Named, and deposed likewise the several Circumstances, so far as his knowledge Retained, that attended the Damnable Conspiracy, no doubt laid deep to deprive true Loyalists of all they hold dear on this side Heaven; upon which Deposition, one Mr. *West* a Councillor at Law, and one who formerly was Active in the behalf of *Stephen Colledge*, had his Chamber Seiz'd by Order of the Secretary of State, and divers Papers secured by the Officers Imployed to that purpose, many of which contained matters of Dangerous Consequence, tending to the Countenancing Sedition and Rebellion, *&c.*

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Upon Notice of which, He the ſaid Mr. *Weſt*, Conncellor at Law, for ſome time Abſconded Himſelf; but being moved by the ſence of his unnatural Combination againſt his Soveraign, He expreſſed a Deep, and paſt doubt, an unfeigned ſorrow for his Offence which he diſcovering to his Father-In-Law, who is doubtleſs a Man of unbiaſſed Principles, He adviſed him to throw himſelf at the Feet of that Majeſty, which in ſo High a Nature He had Offended, but he not daring to Approach ſuch Innate goodneſs, againſt whom He had cauſeleſly conſpired, before his Attonement was in ſome meaſure made, He by his Agents, if not in Perſon, applied himſelf to the worthy, (and of unqueſtionable Loyalty) Sr. *George Jefferies* chief Juſtice of the Countie Palatine of *Cheſter*, and His Majeſties Serjeant at Law, *&c.* Humbly Beſeeching him to Interceed with His Majeſty, that Fountain of mercy, for his Pardon, and confiding in ſuch his Intercession, and His Majeſties never-failing compaſſion to thoſe that Sincerely confeſs their Offences, he ſurrendered Himſelf into the hands of Juſtice, and this day being the 23*d.* of this Inſtant *June*, attended the Honourable Privy Council (for that and other Important conſiderations) Aſſembled at *Hampton Court*, upon Examination he laid open (according to our beſt Information) the Helliſh Conſpiracy againſt the Perſon of his moſt Sacred Majeſty, and His Royal Highneſs, the Illuſtrious Prince *James* Duke of *York*; in Order to the overthrow of *Monarchy*, and all that can be called dear to Loyal and Peaceful Subjects, in which Divers of the Diſaffected had Involved themſelves; but Heaven not permitting ſo great a wickedneſs, prevented it moſt miraculouſly, as is conjectured, by his Majeſties unexpected Departure from *New-Market* upon the breaking out of the late dreadful Fire in that Town, which Conflagration cauſed his Majeſty and Royal Highneſs to depart, and take their way to *Cambridge*: In this deſign many were Involved, as by ſome Papers Seized appears, and upon diſcovery of which, divers are Fled, nor cannot be yet found, divers Meſſengers have been Impowered to apprehend them, and of this pernicious number, Mr. *Goodenough* late under Sheriff for the City of *London*, &c. Is ſhrewdly ſuſpected for one, as alſo a Lawyers Son of note, but till the Wiſdom of the Nation (in Council Aſſembled) make a further Progreſs in this happy and timely diſcovery; I ſhall acquieſce, wiſhing that all ſuch as either in thought or deed attempt the hurt of His moſt Sacred Majeſty, may undergoe the Puniſhment due to the worſt of Traytors.

His Majeſty being ſatisfied of the Truth of this Conſpiracy againſt his Sacred Perſon, and the Perſon of his Royal Brother, cauſed his Proclamation to be Iſſued forth, commanding theſe Conſpirators, *viz.* Collonel *John Rumſie*, *Richard Rumbal*, *Richard Nelthrop*, *Edward Wade*, *Richard Goodenough*, Captain *Walcot*, *William Thompſon*, *James Burton*, and *William Hone*, to render themſelves to his Judges, Juſtices, *&c.* ſtrictly forbiding any of his Subjects to Conceal, Harbour, or Relieve them, and that whoſoever ſhall apprehend any of them, and put them into the hands of Juſtice, ſhall receive for each ſo apprehended, One Hundred Pound as a Reward.

Entred According to Order.

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